

you & the return home next  
week my sister & all the others  
will share in it - I was went to  
K. Taguenay. he is not to  
one day before being long. I knew of it  
beasties & I have always recommended  
it to my friends - Did you hear  
that the eldest daughter of the Dean of  
St Pauls St. Peter Church is engaged  
to a son of Sir James Poynter the  
Eminent Surgeon whom you no doubt  
have met? They are all extremely  
pleased at it - You must have been  
able to appreciate a quiet year at  
home after your long <sup>& busy</sup> sojourn ~~the~~

Oct. 20. 1882

Armadale  
Isle of Skye  
Scotland

My dear Doctor Gray

I was delighted to get your  
letter of Oct. 1. the day before yesterday  
and very much flattered to find  
that Mr Gray remembered the  
anniversary of your visit to us.  
I was thinking of it myself at the  
same time, but since then a good  
deal has happened & if I come to  
America again it will not be with  
my sister nor alone because I am engaged

to be married & shall probably  
be so actually by next January.

Miss Frances Graham is the name  
of my future wife, I have known  
her for about 4 years and  
it was arranged this autumn.

I am sure that you & Mr Gray  
will congratulate me in your hearts  
when this reaches you & I can

tell you that if I am not a  
worthy subject of congratulation  
it will be my own fault.

Mr & Mrs Graham have taken  
this place where I write for the  
shooting season & I am spending  
the end of it (in Scotland) with  
them - of course it is out of the way  
but it is most lovely & there are  
the most beautiful mountains of their  
size that I have ever seen anywhere.  
old bits of volcanoes with outlin  
like the Dolomites - under these  
circumstances one is apt to write  
egotistically, but it really is  
a great pleasure. (The history of

in England. and you must have  
just finished enjoying your most  
charming time of year. a time  
as I never saw because I had to  
come away in September - I think all  
our trees are growing pretty well  
and I shall watch the development  
of the Ciliicas with great  
interest after you & Sir Joseph  
Hooker decided that they really  
were. we had a number of  
ordinary trees blown down, twice,  
in October & in April but fortunately

Nothing that matters much

Please I remember me not  
kindly to Mr. Gay & with my  
best wishes for yourself and  
renewed thanks for your letter  
I am Yours affectionately

J. F. F. Horner